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Article Analysis

What If

Directions Read and analyze the article your teacher has given to your group by answering the questions below. The questions ask you to think about the ways the situation described in the article is affected by the fact that the United States has a limited government. You will then be asked to brainstorm how the situation might be different if the United States had an unlimited government.

1. Summarize the article.

a. What is the government doing?

b. Why is it doing this?

c. Who will this action affect most?

2. Consider the difference between a limited and an unlimited government.

a. If you could do anything you wanted, what other steps would you take in this situation?

b. Do you think a limited government could take these steps? Explain.

c. Could an unlimited government take these steps? What would happen if it did? (Remember: In an unlimited government, one ruler or group of rulers makes all of the decisions. The people hold none of the power.)

3. Imagine what would happen if the the United States had an unlimited government. On a separate sheet of paper, rewrite the first two paragraphs of the article to reflect this difference.